Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena - December 2008

Location Date/Time Deaths & Property & Event Type and Details Injuries Crop Dmg

IOWA, Northeast

(IA-Z008) MITCHELL, (IA-Z009) HOWARD, (IA-Z010) WINNESHIEK, (IA-Z011) ALLAMAKEE, (IA-Z018) FLOYD, (IA-Z019) CHICKASAW, (IA-Z029) FAYETTE, (IA-Z030) CLAYTON

12/08/08 12:00 CST 0 Winter Storm

12/09/08 13:30 CST 0

Low pressure moved out of the southern Plains on December 8, reaching the eastern Great Lakes by December 9. This system brought heavy snow to much of northeast lowa, with total accumulations between 6 and 9 inches common. Some of the highest totals included 8.8 inches near Decorah (Winneshiek County), 8.5 inches at New Hampton (Chickasaw County) and 7.8 inches at Dorchester (Allamakee County). Along and south of a line from Fayette (Fayette County) to Guttenberg (Clayton County), a mix of freezing rain and sleet occurred initially, which caused an ice glazing of 1/8 to nearly 1/4 of an inch.

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12/14/08 11:55 CST 0 Cold/Wind Chill

12/16/08 03:00 CST 0

An arctic cold front moved through during the afternoon of December 14th which sent temperatures plummeting. With the frontal passage, temperatures dropped as much as 20 degrees in 2 to 3 hours at many locations. In fact, a temperature change of around 40 degrees was common from the morning to the evening hours of December 14.

The cold was made more significant as northwest winds increased into the 20 to 30 mph range, with gusts of 35 to 45 mph. These strong winds, coupled with falling temperatures, created dangerous wind chills of 20 below to 40 below. Bitter cold conditions persisted through the day and into the evening on December 15.

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12/18/08 22:00 CST 0 Winter Storm

12/19/08 11:00 CST 0

A large winter storm system moved out of the southern Plains to the lower Great Lakes region December 18 to 19 bringing snow, freezing rain and sleet to much of the Upper Midwest. Total snow accumulations between 6 and 11 inches were common across northeast lowa. Highest amounts included 10.5 inches at Cresco (Howard County), 10.4 inches at Fayette (Fayette County) and 10.0 inches near Ionia (Chickasaw County).

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12/20/08 09:00 CST 0 Winter Storm

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12/21/08 18:00 CST 0 Cold/Wind Chill

12/22/08 10:30 CST 0

After being hit by heavy snow December 18 and 19, northeast lowa was impacted by another winter storm December 20 through 21. Highest snowfall amounts were roughly 4 to 6 inches, with specific reports of 6.5 inches at Cresco (Howard County) and 5.9 inches at Clermont (Fayette County).

Northwest winds gusting to 30 to 40 mph in the wake of an arctic cold front produced near white-out conditions, along with 2 to 4 foot drifts. In addition to the wind and snow, sharply falling temperatures resulted in bitterly cold wind chills of 20 below to 40 below, which lingered into December 22.

MINNESOTA, Southeast

(MN-Z079) WABASHA, (MN-Z086) DODGE, (MN-Z087) OLMSTED, (MN-Z088) WINONA, (MN-Z094) MOWER, (MN-Z095) FILLMORE, (MN-Z096) HOUSTON

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WISCONSIN, Southwest

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Low pressure moved from the northern Plains to the lower Great Lakes on December 30 producing a stripe of heavy snow across north central Wisconsin. Highest accumulations of 6 to 8 inches were common. Specific reports included 7.0 inches at Gilman (Taylor County),

6.5 inches near Perkinstown (Taylor County) and 6.0 inches at Longwood (Clark County).

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